
CREATION

Pontifical Beda College

Fridays, 9.00-10.35
Year 4 (First Semester 2017-18)
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The course examines the meaning of the universe in Christian perspective. It explores various different possible approaches to the nature of reality and then sets out the Christian perspective as it developed from the patristic era, through the middle ages, to today. The third part of the course engages in dialogue with modern science as well as with new age approaches in order to explore various possibilities in the Church's teaching on creation.

SCHEDULE

20 OCTOBER

The nature of the world and the human being

21 OCTOBER (SATURDAY)

The Bible and Creation

27 OCTOBER

Assessing cosmologies: Creatio ex nihilo

3 NOVEMBER

Patristic perspectives

4 NOVEMBER (SATURDAY)

Medieval perspectives: Dominican and Franciscan approaches

10 NOVEMBER

Early modern perspectives: Reformation, Enlightenment, and post-Enlightenment approaches

17 NOVEMBER

Contemporary issues I: The human

1 DECEMBER

Contemporary issues II: Evil

15 DECEMBER

Contemporary issues III: The world, theology and science

12 JANUARY

Contemporary issues: Mystical theories and New Cosmologies

19 JANUARY

Laudato Si': Current doctrine

26 JANUARY

Wrap up: Conclusions

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